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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 3595

PLEASE PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT KINSHASA

REF: (A) SECTO 11096 (B) KINSHASA 3539

1. APPRECIATE DIFFICULTY APPEARANCE OF 7:00 P.M. RECEPTION ON SCHEDULE MAY CAUSE. THIS EVENT EVOLVED OUT OF LAST MINUTE DISCUSSION WITH NGUZA WHO WANTED TO RESOLVE CONFLICT BETWEEN INVITING ENTIRE DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO OFFICIAL DINNER AND PRECEDENT THIS WOULD SET SINCE SUCH PRATICE IS NORMALLY RESERVED FOR VISITING CHIEFS OF STATE/HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. HE RESOLVED ISSUE BY SUGGESTING BRIEF RECEPTION TO WHICH ENTIRE DIPLOMATIC CORPS (E.E.) CHIEFS OF MISSION) WOULD BE INVITED.

2. GOZ BELIEVES IT HAS FOUND IDEAL SOLUTION AND IS MOVING ON PRINTING/DISTRIBUTION OF INVATIONS. IT WOULD BE QUITE EMBARRASSING TO CANCEL THE RECEPTION.

3. OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT SECRETARY LEAVE THE RECEPTION AS IS. HE COULD RECUPERATE 35 OF THE 45 MINUTES FREE TIME LOST BY THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN KINSHASA SCHEDULE IV (KINSHASA 3539):

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A. DEPART MARBLE PALACE 5:00 P.M. INSTEAD OF

4:45 PM. FOR MEETING WITH EMBASSY STAFF AT
AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. THIS GIVES 15 MINUTES
ADDITIONAL FREE TIME, LEAVING ONLY 10 MINUTES
WITH STAFF INSTEAD OF 25 PREVIOUSLY FORESEEN.
B. END PRESS CONFERENCE AT 6:30 P.M. INSTEAD
WOF 6:40 P.. DEPART FOREIGN MINISTRY
6:35 P.M. INSTEAD OF 6:45 P.M. ARRIVE MARBLE
PALACE 6:50 P.M. 25 MINUTES FREE TIME.

C. DEPART MARBLE PALACE FOR RECEPTION AT OAU
RESTAURANT AT 7:15 P.M.
THUS SECRETARY WOULD ARRIVE AT RECEPTION 25 MINUTES
LATE; IT WOULD RUN OVER 10 MINUTES AND EVERYTHING
WOULD STEP BACK. NEW SCHEDULE WOULD LOOK LIKE THIS:
6:30 PM - END PRESS CONFERENCE.
6:35 PM - DEPART FOR MARBLE PALACE (15 MINUTES).
6:50 PM - ARRIVE MARBLE PALACE
7:15 PM - DEPART MARBLE PALACE
7:25 PM - ARRIVE RECEPTION (WHICH BEGAN AT 7:00 PM)
7:45 - RECEPTION ENDS.
7:50 PM DINNER BEGINS (LESS TIME REQUIRED TO
MOVE INTO DINING ROOM BECAUSE DIPLOMATIC
CORPS ELIMINATED FROM DINNER).

4. ABOVE PROPOSAL WOULD NOT CAUSE THE GOZ AS MUCH
HEARBURN AS CANCELING THE RECEPTION AT THIS STAGE.
IN FACT, IT IS QUITE NORMAL ZAIRIAN PRACTICE FOR THE
GUEST OF HONOR AND THE HOST TO ARRIVE LATE AT RECEPTIONS.

5. IF KINSHASA SCHEDULE IV IS TO BE CHANGED
WE WOULD APPRECIATE WORD BY 0900 APRIL 27 SO WE CAN
INFORM GOZ.
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